

John the Baptism and Isaiah come to center stage with their insistence that merry-making without repentance is vapid and hollow." How might celebrating Advent make your Christmas more sacred?

The Question

You got a sword that needs to be beaten into a plow-share?

*Prayer
Corner*

Nancy Myers

Connie Engle had surgery

Maria Sweeny-Rippon had surgery

Advent Conspiracy Meet the **BAKER** family



With the diagnoses of cancer, the Baker family faces a significant crisis this Advent season; therefore, we will conspire to be a means of grace to their family. Each Sunday of Advent we will receive an offering on their behalf.



Advent 2016 Schedule

Advent 1 (27 November): Hanging of the Green

Advent 2 (4 December): Parents Afternoon Out

Advent 3 (11 December): All Church Common Meal

Advent 4 (18 December): Christmas Dinner Boxes Distribution

21 December: All Church Christmas Caroling at 6:30pm

Christmas Eve Service of Carols, Candlelight, and Communion at 5:30pm

Election Results

Spiritual Formation Team:

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First Sunday of Advent



Imagine Peace

New Cumberland Church of the Nazarene

Order of Worship
First Sunday of Advent
27 November 2016

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude Music
Welcome
Call to Worship
Worship Reading

We Listen to the Scriptures

Pastoral Prayer
Offering
Scripture Readings: Isaiah 2.1-5
Sermon Series: *Imagine*
Sermon One: *"Imagine Peace"*

We Come to the Table

Prayer of Consecration
The Lord's Prayer
We Eat and Drink Together
Prayer of Thanksgiving

We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life
Gossiping the Good Stuff
Doxology
Blessing and Sending

*If you are a guest with us today,
Please take time to fill out a Connection Card.
The ushers will be picking them up
later in the service.
Thank You*

Please visit us on our website, www.ncnazarene.org
for details of events.
Also you will find, photos, monthly newsletters,
bulletins, online giving and you can also
send prayer request to the prayer chain.

DECEMBER CALENDAR

Nov 27	Hanging of the Greens	10:00AM
Dec 3	Pathfinder's Christmas Party	5:30PM
Dec 3	First Saturday Prayer then Breakfast	8:30AM
Dec 6	Steward's Meeting	6:30PM
Dec 11	Market Street Breakfast Ministry	7:24AM
Dec 11	All Church Pot- Luck	11:30AM
Dec 15	Senior Adult Ministry Luncheon	12:00PM
Dec 17	Youth Christmas Party	5:00PM
Dec 18	Christmas Dinner Boxes Distribution	11:30AM
Dec 21	All Church Caroling	6:30PM
Dec 24	Christmas Eve Service	5:30PM

Sermon Reflection Guide

First Sunday of Advent, 2016

Isaiah 2.1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah
and Jerusalem.
In days to come
the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.
Many peoples shall come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.
O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the Lord!

Question for Everyone

(1)I hate buying Christmas presents because I never trust by ability to buy good gifts. (10) I love buying Christmas presents and I always choose just the right gift.

Considering the Future

What do you imagine when you consider your future?
What do you hope for? What do you dream about?

Context

"Israel had a troubled history. She was a tiny nation wedged between huge and ambitious empires that were constantly vying for superiority. Israel had few times during her 700-year history in which she did not live under threat. Wars were almost constant, some were devastating. For much of her existence she lived under the sovereignty of some other nation, unable or sometimes unwilling to establish her own existence in the world as God's people" (Dr. Dennis Bratcher).

Prophetic Imagination

"The Prophets knew that the God they served was the same God who had heard the cries of oppressed slaves in Egypt and entered history to relieve their oppression. And they knew that because God was such a God, he would not forever tolerate oppression in the world. They imagined a time when God would enter the world and bring an end to war and suffering. They imagined the day when God would establish his reign on earth and restore all creation to what he intended it to be." What does your imagination reveal about you? What is the relationship between imagination and action?

Advent

"Advent is a season of competing impulses. One the one hand we celebrate the birth of Christ by hanging the greens, decorating our homes, feasting and merry-making. But Advent also offers a more sober tone. Because, in the midst of all the merry-making, people like